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## **Commissioner for Patents**

The amendment filed August 11, 2008, which amends claims 8, 9, 51 and 52, and cancels claims 15, 32-39 and 48, has been entered.

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as set forth in the Office action mailed February 11, 2008, is rendered moot by claim cancellation.

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as set forth in the February 11th action is overcome by amendment. The obviousness-type double patenting rejection set forth in the February 11th action is moot/withdrawn since the claimed invention was not made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement, there are no inventors in common between the present application and the conflicting patent, and the conflicting patent is not commonly owned with this application.

Claims 2, 5-14, 17-22, 40-47 and 49-52 are pending.

All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, ex parte prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Marie R. Yamnitzky at telephone number (571) 272-1531. The examiner works a flexible schedule but can generally be reached at this number from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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